Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public offices, at 12 Noon, on the 3rd March 1914/20th Kumbhom 1089.

PRESENT.

Dewan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALACHARI, ESQUIRE, C. I. E.,
Dewan.....*Presiding.*

A. J. Vieyra, Esq., B. A.
V. Subba Iyer, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. Aiyappan Pillai, Esq., B. A.
N. Subrahmanya Iyer, Esq., M. A.
P. Kuruvila Varkki, Esq.
R. Mahadeva Iyer, Esq., B. A.
P. K. Kesava Pillai, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
J. A. Richardson, Esq.
K. Parameswaran Pillai, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. G. Sesha Iyer, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
C. P. Thomas, Esq., B. A. & L. T.
K. G. Parameswara Menon, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
A. M. Kumara Pillai, Esq., B. A. & B. L.

K. Narayanan Pandalay, Esq., B. A. & B. L. .... *Secretary.*

The Secretary reported to the Council that the Hackney Carriage Bill, finally passed by the Council on the 6th December 1913, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 27th December 1913, and became law as Regulation VI of 1089.

2. The Secretary also reported that Messrs. M. Madhavan Thampi and R. Easwara Pillai having vacated their seats by efflux of time, the vacancies were filled by the appointment of Messrs. A. M. Kumara Pillai, B. A. & B. L., and K. G. Parameswara Menon, B. A. & B. L., respectively, and that the two new Members took their seats in Council that day.

THE POLICE REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer, in introducing the Police Regulation Amendment Bill, said that the provisions of the Bill contained mostly verbal changes in the Regulation, necessitated by the recent re-organisation of the Police Department, and he moved that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Mr. Sesha Iyer said that more than thirty years had elapsed since the Police Regulation was passed, that the Regulation stood in need of being completely overhauled and that a comprehensive Amending Bill be drafted and introduced into the Council.

The President said that, in his opinion, it would suffice to confine the Bill to the verbal amendments referred to, the question of re-enacting the law being left for future consideration.

The Council adopted the suggestion made by the President.

Mr. Subba Iyer accordingly moved that Section 7 of the Bill be omitted.

Seconded by Mr. Sesha Iyer.

Carried.

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Mr. Subba Iyer said that, that being a very small Bill containing only verbal amendments, there was no need to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. He therefore proposed that the operation of the ordinary rules of business be suspended, so that the Bill might go through all the further stages except the final reading.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then proposed that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

MOTOR VEHICLES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer, in introducing the Motor Vehicles Regulation Amendment Bill, said that the amendments proposed in Section I of the Bill were necessitated by the change in the official designation of the head of the Police Department from "Superintendent" into "Commissioner" made in the re-organisation effected in 1088 M. E. He also said that it was desirable to insert a specific provision in the Regulation empowering the Commissioner of Police, the license-giving authority under the Regulation, to test the skill or competency of persons applying for drivers' licenses.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Mr. Sesha Iyer said that a law on the subject had just been passed by the Imperial Legislative Council and that the Council had better see what that law was before taking steps for amending the Regulation.

Mr. Subba Iyer said that the object of the Government of India Act was to consolidate the existing provincial enactments regarding the regulation of motor vehicles.

The President observed that the Travancore Motor Vehicles Regulation was based on the Madras Act, I of 1907, and that, having regard to the large number of motor vehicles in use in the State, it would be well to enact at once the provision in Section 2 of the Bill in view to guard against danger from in-experienced and unskilled men becoming drivers.

The Council adopted the suggestion made by the President.

Mr. Subba Iyer moved, in regard to this Bill also, that the rules be suspended and that the Bill be passed.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then proposed that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE LUNACY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer moved that the Lunacy Regulation Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE ANCHAL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer stated that, before the Bill was finally read and passed, it was necessary to insert in sub-section (3) of Section (1), a date from which the proposed law should come into force, and he proposed that the words "the 1st Medom 1089" be added at the end of the sub-section.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

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